that about one lakh metric tonne of municipal solid waste is generated daily in the country and the collection efficiency ranges between 70-90% in major metro cities and upto 50% in other cities and towns.

(c) and (d) Urban water supply, sanitation, drainage and solid waste management are State subjects. As such, it is the responsibility of the State Governments and urban local bodies to plan, implement and provide adequate funds for the urban water supply, sewerage/drainage and solid waste management schemes. As of now Central assistance is being provided to different State Governments for implementation of water supply schemes under the centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme for towns having population less than 20,000 as per 1991 census; and for conversion of dry latrines into pour flush twin pit toilets and construction of such toilets where non-exist under the Centrally sponsored Low Cost Sanitation Scheme.

In pursuance of the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 888/96 filed by Ms. Almitra H. Patel, the Ministry of Urban Development constituted a Technology Advisory Group on 18.8.99 for a period of five years with the objectives of collecting information on various proven technologies, provide technical assistance to urban local bodies, set benchmark on solid waste management for local bodies, channelise and make optimum use of funds earmarked for Solid Waste Management projects, develop IEC (Information, Education & Communication) material for awareness programmes, human resource development and capacity building.

Jhuggi Dwellers on Government Land Allotted to AIIMS

1969. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the new item captioned ""AIIMS to expand once it retrieves land from jhuggi dwellers in Gautam Nagar" which appeared in the Times of India, dated the 10th February, 2000;

(b) whether after a lapse of decade the AIIMS, a prime medical institution could not extend its activities because of J.J. cluster;

(c) whether similar JJ cluster does exist on Government's prime land in Alaknanda opposite Kalka Public School since more than a decade; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to remove these clusters in particular as also to check such situation in general on permanent basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. AIIMS has reported that there is an approved plan for its expansion in the area occupied by jhuggi clusters. The evacuation of JJ cluster is being done by Slum & JJ Deptt. of Municipal Corporation of Delhi. To avoid any further encroachment, the vacant land is being guarded vigilantly.

So far as JJ cluster existing on Government's land in Alaknanda opposite Kalka Public School is concerned, the DDA has reported that this cluster has been placed in the priority list for removal rehabilitation under the Slum Relocation Scheme.

Safe Drinking Water to Urban Areas

1970. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a study by Rakesh Mohan Committee, Rs. 27000 to Rs. 28000 crore are required each year in order to provide safe drinking water and sanitation in all urban areas;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government for ensuring provision of safe drinking water to urban people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) As per the report of the Expert Group on the commercialisation of Infrastructure Projects set up by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance under the Chairmanship of Dr. Rakesh Mohan, the annual investment requirements for urban infrastructure (water supply, sanitation and roads) including Operation and Maintenance (O&M) comes in the region of Rs. 28298 crores over the period 1996—2001 and Rs. 27773 crore over the period 2001—2006.

(b) The Planning Commission had set up a Working Group on Urban Water Supply & Sanitation sector for 9th Five Year Plan (1997—2002) in November, 1995. The Working Group had assessed a requirement of Rs. 51284 crores for urban water supply sanitation sector with a view to provide water supply facilities to 100% of the urban population, sanitation facilities to 75% of the urban population and solid waste management in 100 cities by the end of 9th Five Year Plan. As against this requirement, Planning Commission have